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Re: Chesapeake-Portsmouth Broadcasting Corporation
WLES (AM), Bon Air, Virginia
Facility Identification Number: 72504
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the request filed June 4, 2009, on behalf of Chesapeake-Portsmouth Broadcasting Corporation ("CPBC"). CPBC requests extension of the special temporary authority ("STA") granted on October 31, 2008, to operate Station WLES pursuant to Section 73.1615.¹

In support of the request, CPBC states that it continues to be prevented from filing an application for license to cover Construction Permit BP-20071119AKH (*See* Note 1, below) pending completion of significant engineering modifications to Station WLVA.

We note that the previous STA expired on May 1, 2009. Our review indicates that the circumstances presented warrant grant of STA in order to provide for service to the public, and that the requested STA facilities are the same as were previously authorized. However, in light of the lapse of time between the expiration of the prior STA and the filing of the instant request, it will be considered as a request for a new STA; the authority granted will not cover the period between the expiration of the prior STA and the filing of the instant request.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WLES may operate on 590 kHz with the facilities authorized by Construction Permit BP-20071119AKH. It will be necessary to reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. CPBC must use whatever means are necessary to protect workers and the public from exposure to radio frequency radiation in excess of the Commission's exposure guidelines. *See* 47 CFR § 1.1310. The authority granted herein does not cover the period between May 1, 2009, and June 4, 2009,

¹ WLES is licensed for operation on 580 kHz with 0.201 kilowatt daytime and 0.027 kilowatt nighttime, employing a nondirectional antenna (ND-2-U). Construction Permit BP-20071119AKH authorizes a change in frequency to 590 kHz and operation with 0.6 kW daytime and 0.058 kW nighttime.

and is without prejudice as to whatever action the Commission may take with respect to operation of Station WLES during the foregoing period.

This authority expires on **February 5, 2010**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Charles N. Miller". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Charles" being the most prominent part.

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cc: Chesapeake-Portsmouth Broadcasting Corporation